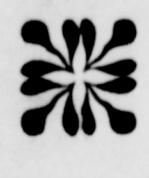
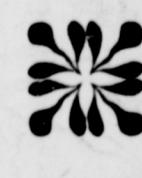


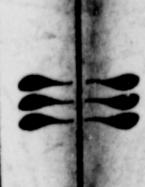
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THE SILVERITES.

The Conference Adopts an Interesting Report.

It is Declared That the Money Question is the Only Issue.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The conference of prominent silver men which has been in session here, in Gen. A. J. Warner's offices—the headquarters of the bi-metallic league—for the past few days, adopted late last night, before final adjournment, this report:

"The money question is the first and most important issue in this country, and is so related to everything else that no other question can be permanently determined until this is settled."

"The conference recommends that the bi-metallic league urgently recommend to friends of silver everywhere in all parties, that they support for the Fifty-fourth congress only such candidates as will pledge themselves in nominating conventions, and openly and publicly in their canvass for election, to the following action in case of their election:

"First—That they will enter into no party caucus that will bind or restrain them from voting and acting in the Fifty-fourth congress otherwise than as given in their pledges to the people before their election; but that they will unite with others who are in favor of the restoration of the bi-metallic standard of money by the free and unrestricted coining of both gold and silver on the ratio of 16 to 1 as before the act of 1873, and the issue by the general government of the paper currency without the intervention of banks, and banks, and against the issue of bonds to borrow gold; and that they will act and vote on all matters during their terms as members of the Fifty-fourth congress to secure this end, especially in the election of a speaker and in the organization of the house and in the vote for the president of the United States, in the event that the election of president falls to the house of representatives."

"Second—That to this end the conference recommends that silver leagues by everywhere organized and the work of education be carried on throughout the country, and that in addition to this work, thorough organization be effected in states and districts where such work will be most effective in the election of members of congress and of state legislatures."

TWO CAPTURED.

Bardwell Train Robbers Arrested at Cairo.

Cairo, Ill., Dec. 14.—Two of the three men who robbed the Illinois Central train at Mayfield, November 11, have been arrested, and a third is likely to be caught to-day.

They are William Brown, of Cairo; Breckinridge, of Missouri, and William O'Brien, of O'Brien's Landing, Mo. The latter is still at large. Several days ago Brown came to this city and was met by Chie of Police Mahoney, to whom he confessed. He was placed under arrest, and when searched a new twenty-dollar gold piece was found. After this Brown became frightened and told how O'Brien, Breckinridge and himself crossed the Mississippi at Ft. Jefferson and thence going to Bardwell they boarded the train, and when it reached Mayfield bridge compelled the engine to stop. The amount secured by the robbers was \$5,325.

Bank Robbed of \$15,000.

South Bend, Ind., Dec. 7.—A bold robbery was committed in this city about noon to-day, the victim being the South Bend National Bank. The amount taken was \$15,000. No clue to the identity of the robbers has yet come to light, and they seem to have made good their escape. The robbery occurred at noon when all but one of the bank officers were absent. The teller was called to the front door and engaged in conversation by one of the robbers, while another went in the back way and helped himself to the money.

A Mob Kills a Negro.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 7.—News of a lynching in Cross county, Ark., has just reached here. The family of a negro named Bob Greenwood offended the wife of a white neighbor named Wilson. Mrs. Wilson told her husband, and that night a mob visited Greenwood's house, took him out and beat him to death. The affair has created great excitement in Cross county, and there is considerable indignation against the mob. Wilson is under arrest and the Sheriff is in pursuit of the other members of the mob.

Nearly a Century.

Russellville, Ky., Dec. 7.—John McCutchen, the oldest citizen of this county, died this morning, after a short illness, at his home at South Union. His age was ninety-one years.

WRECK ON THE C. O. & S. W.

Freight Train Rolls Down Muldraugh's Hill.

Louisville, December 17.—A freight train bound for this city on the Chesapeake, Ohio & Southwestern railway, was hurled 135 feet down the side of Muldraugh's hill 25 miles south of this city, at 9 o'clock this morning. Three men were killed, two wounded and 13 cars were wrecked. Five of these contained live hogs, 400 head of which were killed, and five cars of cattle, of which 100 were killed outright. The loss to the railroad in rolling stock will amount to \$10,000 or 12,000, and the value of the live stock will largely increase this. The men killed were:

Thomas Keegan, engineer, of Louisville.

John Downs, fireman, of Louisville. Unknown Man.

The latter boarded the train at a station or two back. In his pockets were found a card with the name, O. A. Lennan and a woman's letter addressed to Steve. This man was well dressed, and about 35 years old. The injured are:

Two unknown tramps, who were not badly hurt, and two colored brakemen, Albert Church and John Hodges of this city.

Livingston Court.

Circuit court items: Commonwealth vs W. L. Baker, for shooting with intent to kill, set for Monday the 18th.

John Johnson, sentenced to the penitentiary two years for grand larceny.

Neal Rollins fined \$2.50 for breach of the peace.

Charley Marley, fined in two cases \$4 and \$5, for breaches of the peace. Joe Rothman, fined \$10 for gaming.

John Watson's case continued until the fourth day of next term.

Commonwealth vs John Watson for assault and battery on Johnson, a fellow prisoner, fined \$7.

Commonwealth vs E. W. Morrison, fined \$10.

Tom Crutfield failed to put in his appearance to answer his indictment and his bond of \$500 was forfeited.

James Wiggins, indicted for breach of the peace, plead guilty and the jury fixed at \$5.

Commonwealth vs R. B. Thompson for shooting and wounding in sudden heat and passion, is set for Monday, 18.—Smithland News.

There are at present 633 inmates at the Hopkinsville asylum. This is the largest number in the history of the institution.—Hustler.

A KNOCKOUT.

Bennett Delivers an Opinion on the Lottery Question for the Court of Appeals.

Frankfort, Dec. 16.—The court of appeals handed down a unanimous opinion reversing Judge Toney's decision in the lottery cases and holding that the lottery has no vested right, and that the state has no right to contract away its police power. The lottery people are dazed by the blow and don't know what they will do. Judge Bennett delivered the opinion.

Caldwell County News.

(From the Banner.)

Charley Ratcliff has filed suit in the Caldwell circuit court against the Caldwell County Agricultural Fair Association for the appointment of a receiver for the property of the corporation.

No tobacco has yet been sold in this county except a little that has gone to other markets along the border. The buyers here are holding off, and may not be in the field for some time yet.

Mr. Harvey McGregor, of the county, was seriously hurt last Saturday by lifting a hay rack from a wagon.

It was feared at first that he would die, but he has since got better, and will soon recover. This is the second serious accident in the county of this kind within a week.

Lyon County Law Breakers.

The grand jury found at the present term and returned twenty indictments as follows: Carrying concealed deadly weapons 3, manslaughter 1, gambling 1, breach of the peace 5, selling liquor on Sunday 4, selling liquor to minors 3, failing to perform duties as surveyor 2.

NEWS NOTES.

There were three lawful hangings Thursday. At Brockville, Ont., Chas. Lucky suffered the death penalty for murdering his father, sister, and stepmother. At Pittsburg, Pa., Angelo Zapper died on the scaffold; at Smithport, Pa., Ralph Crossnore was hanged for killing his mother.

Chairman Carter, of the Republican National Committee, has called a meeting of the Executive Committee to be held in Washington January 11.

Three distinct earthquake shocks were felt at Mount Vernon, Ind., yesterday. Goods were shaken off the store shelves.

Fire at Buffalo Thursday destroyed \$1,000,000 worth of property.

Anarchist Outrage,

Paris, Dec. 9.—A dynamite bomb was exploded today on the floor of the chamber of deputies and several members injured. There was the greatest consternation created and the city is much excited over the outrage.

Mr. J. A. Rudy died Saturday morning in Sebree, Ky., at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Caton, of pneumonia, in the 73d year of his age. Mr. Rudy for a number of years was a resident of McLean county. Several years ago he moved to Sebree and for two or more years was police judge of that town.

Held Over.

Wm. Hurst, Geo. Freed, Arthur Northup and Kasper Nordolph, charged with hog stealing, had their examining trial before Judge Flournoy last Saturday and were held over to await the action of the grand jury. Hurst's bond was placed at \$500, Freed's and Northup's at \$400 each, and Nordolph's at \$100.—Morganfield Sun.

Married at Paducah.

Mr. Robert Miles, a farmer of Caldwell county, and Miss Lou Ramage, of Kelsey, were united in marriage yesterday afternoon by the Rev. Chapman, the Cumberland Presbyterian church.—Paducah Standard.

Lynchings have been active this week. The third negro implicated in the murder of Reuben Smith, whose name was not given, was hanged at Berlin, Ala., Dec. 9. Within a few miles of the same place, and on the same day, four negroes whose names were not given, were lynched at one time for attempting to break into the house of Mrs. Wm. Jones the night before. Mrs. Jones opened fire and wounded one, who told on the others and all were caught and hanged together. These make seven in the same vicinity in four days and bring the total for the year up to 112.—Hopkinsville Courier.

Cure for Headache.

As a remedy for all forms of headache Electric Bitters has proved to be the very best. It effects a permanent cure and the most dreaded habitual sick headaches yield to its influence. We urge all who are afflicted to procure a bottle, and give this remedy a fair trial. In cases of habitual constipation Electric Bitters cures by giving he needed tone to the bowels, and few cases long resist the use of this medicine. Try it once. Large bottles fifty cents at H. K. Woods' druggist.

BY THE QUART.

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We are authorized to announce THOS. L. CHAMPION a candidate for Jailer of Crittenden county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

Attention Please.

As the cry of hard times has been so numerous this year, we have strenuously evaded any reference to a few dollars now due the Press on subscription, but as the cry this year, need not apply to next year, we take time by the forelock and say that there will be numerous dollars, scattered promiscuously over the county, due us about January 1. If they will come this way about that date, ample provisions will be made for their accommodations, here or elsewhere. If we send out a little statement touching the relationship of said dollar to us, it is issued only as evidence that the coming in of said dollar will be greatly appreciated, and the earlier it comes the more elated we will be.

THE PRESS

Some of the Louisiana sugar growers have organized to fight the clause in the Wilson bill abolishing the sugar bounty.

The American Federation of Labor at Chicago last week endorsed the action of Gov. Altgeld in pardoning the anarchists Fielden, Schwab and spies.

Bills are now pending in Congress for admitting to the Union of States the territories of Utah, New Mexico and Arizona. The measure will be passed.

In the Ashland district the women are up in the arms to defeat Col. Breckinridge for Congress. His sin in their sight was the introduction of Miss Pollard to Mrs. Blackburn.

A Lawrenceburg widow has sued that town for \$25,000 damages because her husband was burned to death in the county jail. Men must be pretty scarce around Lawrenceburg, if one jail is worth \$25,000.

A pupil in the Henderson school pointed an old worthless, harmless, modest, rusty pistol at the head of a play fellow. The ball entered just below the eye, but the little fellow may recover.

A colored brother on trial at Covington for selling liquor without license put in the plea that he did it to raise money to help build a church. The court ruthlessly fined him \$200 and sent him to jail for 60 days.

Prof. John R. Proctor, has been made President of the Civil Service Commission. This is supposed to be quite a compliment to the distinguished Kentuckian, but really it is not all the people on the face of the earth who admire the Commission, even if the Commissioners are all right.

Last week Secretary of the Treasury Carlisle called the resignation of twenty-three Republicans who were holding on to the public seats in his department. Hurrah for this as well as the many other great qualities in the great Secretary. If some of the other departmental heads would go and do likewise they would not only command the admiration of their own party.

If there are any persons outside of Frankfort, signing that petition, asking for the pardon of Dick Tate, the newspapers that come to this office fail to indicate the facts. On the other hand, the criticisms on such a course are anything but friendly. Dick's amiability and the pain of punishment and peculiar position of being signed against, will hardly put that little \$200,000 back in the Treasury. The state can manage to get along without Dick, so long as Dick forces the state to get along without the money.

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Col. M. H. Crump who had charge of the Kentucky Mineral and Forestry exhibit at the World's Fair, has filed his final report with the commissioners. These two exhibits cost the State \$9,000. More than 75,000 persons registered in the Mining exhibit and it is estimated that not less than 400,000 passed through the cannal coal entrance. Thousand visitors saw and carefully examined the Forestry exhibit. The large sycamore from Monroe county, fourteen feet nine inches in diameter. Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States of America, attracted as much attention as anything in the Forestry building.

The Crittenden Press says that it is positively true that J. W. Skelton, of Marion, will be a candidate for congress in this district next year. The Press says "Mr. Skelton is a man of energy, as well as great determination," but fails to give us any definite information as to the gentleman's history, politics, etc. This editor confesses to a large quantum of ignorance on the score of Mr. Skelton, but if he is a good Democrat and a good fellow, we wish him God speed in his pursuit of a high and honorable office.—Clinton Democrat.

Mr. Skelton was born and reared in Livingston county. He worked on a farm until his teens when he began teaching school. After teaching for a number of years, he came to Marion, and began the publication of the Farmer's Advocate, a paper devoted to agriculture. While editing the paper, he was also in the field lecturing and organizing Farmer's Unions. After running the paper about a year, he quit that business and has since been engaged in the mercantile in Marion, as the advertising columns of the Press will, from time to time, testify.

As to Mr. Skelton's politics, he is Democratic from Dan to Bersheba, from Alpha to Omega, from the lakes to the gulf, from Maine to Yubabam. Twice he has been a candidate for the Legislature, twice he was defeated, and scores of times, including the two when he went down in defeat, has he done all in his power for the success of his party. Yes sir, John Skelton's Democracy is unquestioned and unquestionable.

The cordial invitation the President of the Livingston county Teacher's Association extends to the teachers of Crittenden to attend the December meeting of the Association should not go unheeded. There is much in common between the teachers of the two counties and a cultivation of a closer acquaintance would prove mutually beneficial. The teacher, like the man of any other calling is benefited by the widening of his horizon of knowledge. The man who never goes beyond the confines of his own county, goes to his grave with many erroneous preconceived notions; and though he be a diamond in the rough, he never sparkle like the stone that has been polished by much handling. The teachers of Crittenden need to become more cosmopolitan: the best way to get rid of provincialism is to make an occasional trip from the province. Ladies and gentlemen, of the birch and rule, go over to Livingston, and at the feet of the Gammels of that country learn wisdom; and while there, if you find that you have a few points, of which the teachers of the interior county of Livingston have not yet heard, tell them a few things. Our word for it, you will not regret the visit.

Our Senate.

We have reason to hope that we have progressed nearly if not entirely beyond the region of doubtful and disputed constitutional construction; we may presume with some degree of confidence that the questions which shall in the future be submitted for determination will be questions of expediency purely, and it is scarcely possible, therefore, to imagine a situation which will furnish an excuse for simple, unqualified legislative obstruction.

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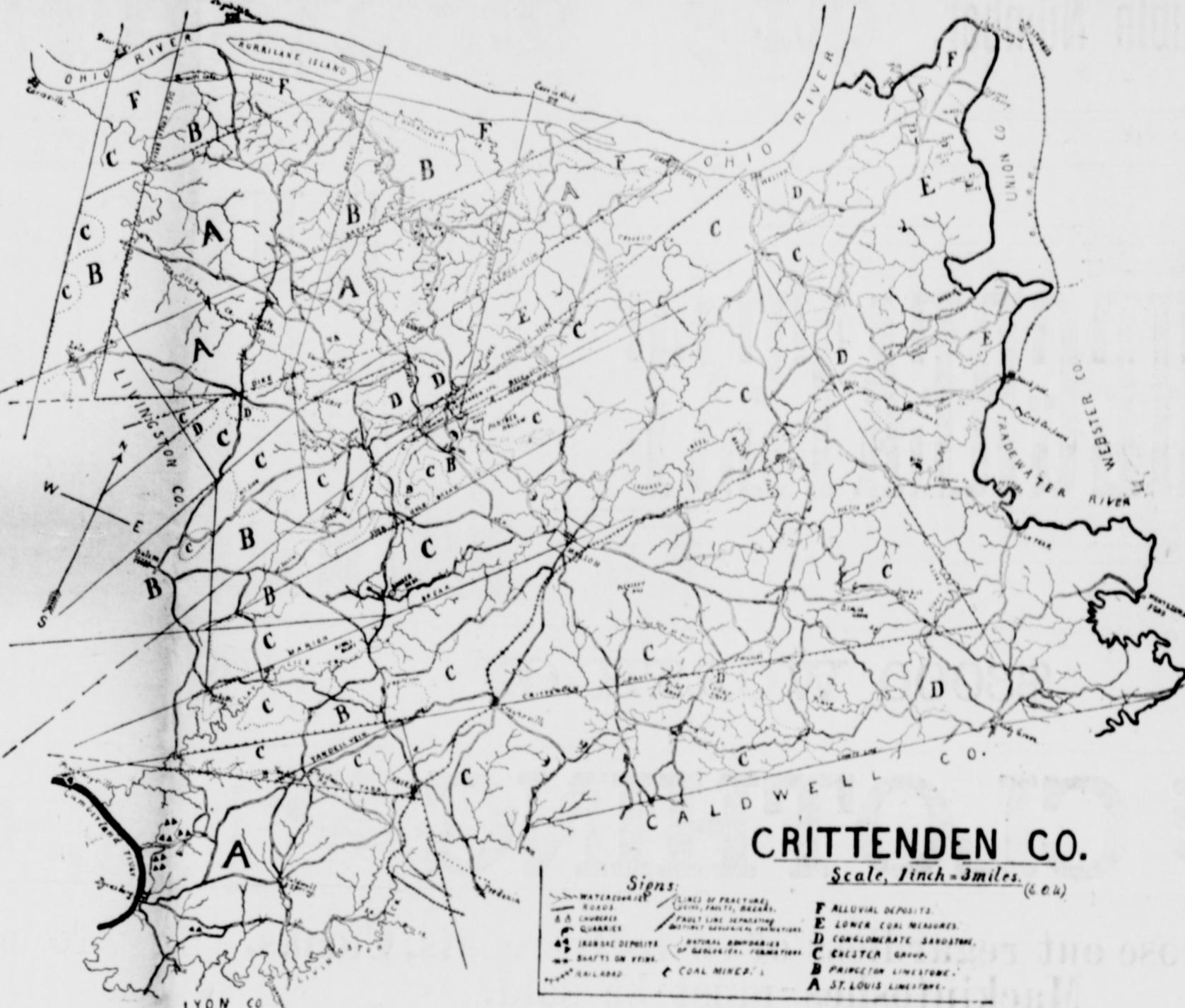
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BRIDGE HORROR.

A Span of the Great Structure at Jeffersonville Gives Away. Death and Destruction Follows.

Many are the Dead and Wounded.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 15.—The middle span of iron and timber false work of the bridge now under construction between East Louisville, Ky., and Jeffersonville, Ind., collapsed at about 10:18 o'clock this morning, crushing to death or drowning between 20 and 20 men and injuring about 20 more, some of whom will die. Only six bodies have been recovered.

For weeks past a large force of men has been at work on the big 500-foot span over the middle of the river. The iron work was all up and was resting on a heavy frame work of piling driven down into the bed of the river and securely bolted and braced. This afternoon the last bolts were to have been put in place in the iron superstructure and the gigantic iron would have supported its own weight. The foreman, in beginning work this morning, noticed that in the night the "traveler," a huge derrick used for placing iron in position, had been worked loose by the wind and he allowed it draw back into place.

The wind was high at the time and the gentle swaying of the false work gradually forced the traveler off of the piles on which it was resting. When the end slipped the whole work trembled, and the men, realizing their danger, started for the pier. As luck would have it the central bent was the first to give way, and the men on this bent went down to be covered by the mass of iron and timber of the other bents, which fell almost immediately, carrying with them the other workmen, who failed to reach places of safety on the pier.

The north bent, or the one attached to the Indians pier, did not fall for 15 minutes after the other parts went down.

FIFTY ON THE BRIDGE.

There were 51 men on the bridge when the alarm was given by the engineer in charge of the work. Of this number several succeeded in reaching the pier. Of those that went down some were covered by a mass of timber from beneath which it will be days before their bodies are recovered. The partial span, the last one, did not fall until 29 minutes after the first had gone down, but it was the direct result of the falling of the first. The crash attracted the attention of those on the shore and many turned away their eyes as they saw the men struggling in mid-air in their mad efforts to climb out of danger.

When the huge mass of material struck the water all was concealed for an instant by the spray that was thrown high into the air. As the water subsided here and there could be seen struggling desperately to climb upon the timbers that thrust their ends above the water. A few succeeded in climbing to places of safety and were quickly rescued. Others struggled helplessly and were carried off by the current to sink almost as rescue was at hand.

The ferry boat City of Jeffersonville and the W. C. Hitt and the life-saving crews were the first to reach the wreckage which completely blocked

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WILY WILEY RILEY.

He Takes Mr. Kennedy's Wife and Runs Away With Her.

They Were Both Members of the Same Church and Stood Well.

[Princeton Banner.]

The neighborhood of New Bethel church is very much torn up over a sensation involving two families who have heretofore stood well with all who knew them, at least until a very few weeks ago.

A BOILER EXPLODES.

When the second part of the false work fell and engine and boiler went with it, and when the boiler hit the debris it exploded, but no one is known to have been struck by the flying fragments.

The lives of the bridge workers were insured for \$1,500 each.

To whose doors must be laid the responsibility for the terrible disaster, will probably never be known.

It is doubtless only one of those unforeseen accidents that occur in spite of all precautionary measures. Bridge building, probably more than any other thing, is fraught with manifold dangers, and the workmen whose labors are utilized in the work practically take their own hands.

General opinion ascribes the cause of the disaster to the stiff wind that has been sweeping the river all day.

THE WIND DID IT.

It bore with great force on the ponderous frame work which necessarily became loosened from the constant strain and swaying of the heavy timbers. A great number of people, before the first span fell, could see the great "traveler" rising 80 feet above the pier, swaying and shivering in the wind in what appeared to be the most alarming manner to those on shore.

The motion, however, was hardly noticeable to the workmen and they had no idea of their deadly peril until the great mass of wood and iron began to sink and the awful cracking and crashing of the timbers smote upon their ears. That the structure was otherwise than safe was not thought of by the engineers in charge or the workmen.

HIS MIND AFFECTED.

Henry Brookshire Kills Himself With an Old Navy Pistol.

Paducah, Ky., Dec. 16.—Henry Brookshire, a wealthy and influential farmer of his county, residing about seven miles south of this city, committed suicide this morning at six o'clock by shooting himself in the right temple with an old single-barreled navy pistol. He was fifty-eight years old and had always had excellent health until about a month ago, when he began to lose strength and spirits. His mind was finally affected, and the result was that, in a fit of despondency he took his own life. He leaves a wife and seven children and a large estate.

Tracked by Bloodhounds.

Princeton, Ky., Dec. 14.—Tom Minton and John L. Phelps, two escaped convicts from the Eddyville penitentiary were captured near here last night and taken back to this morning. They made their escape yesterday, and were tracked by bloodhounds here. W. R. Hammond, a farmer near here, captured them. Three in all made their escape, but one has not been recaptured yet.

Over in Hopkins.

(From the Hustler.) On Thursday a little colored boy, by the name of Broomhall, was burned to death by his clothes catching fire. His mother was at work in a tobacco factory and had left the child locked up in a room and when she returned home after her day's work she found the child burned to death.

On going to press news comes from Nebo that a negro by the name of Henry Givens was yesterday morning found near his home two miles west of Nebo, tied to a tree with his body riddled with shot. His skull was crushed, both eyes shot out and his body generally, especially about the abdomen, was terribly mangled. The negro is said to have had a bad reputation in the community. Coroner Rodgers went down yesterday to hold an inquest, but had not as yet returned. We understand that the negro had attempted to poison several different persons, both white and black. Up to the present white is no clue to the ones who mobbed him.

Edward Lynn a young man of the

A FREE TRADER.

Master Workman Sovereign Fav-
ors No "Makesshif" — Work-
men Not Protected.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Master Workman Sovereign, recently chosen to succeed T. V. Powderly as the head of the Knights of Labor, is in Washington to attend a conference of silver leaders. In a talk with the Associated Press Mr. Sovereign outlined his policy, some of his views being in marked contrast with those of his predecessor.

"I am against strikes," said he, "I have been in labor organizations for years and have never yet been in a strike. They are the very last extremity to be resorted to, and even then they should be unaccompanied by force and should be a dignified and peaceful protest on the part of labor against the terms given it. The ballot is much more effective in redressing wrongs than strikes or arbitrations."

Mr. Sovereign was asked as to his position on the tariff. It will be remembered that his predecessor was a protectionist.

"I am an out-and-out free-trader," said he. "I believe in no makeshifts or partial seductions of tariff taxation. The so-called protection to American labor is a delusion. Labor is not protected. Invested capital receives a bonus in the form of protection and it is then optional with the capitalist to give a share of the bonus to labor in the form of increased wages. But this option is seldom exercised."

Mr. Sovereign added that the tariff and all other questions would be made secondary to the money issue, which was a subject on which the Knights of Labor act with other and wiser and safer legislation on the subject of silver money. I have never, for a moment, thought that the coinage and use of silver was to cease in this country. On the contrary, the repeal of the Sherman act pledges the Government to the use and coinage of gold and silver money alike.

"As a part of our domestic currency we can, in this country, and with great advantage to our people, use a large amount of silver. France, with one half our population, carries over seven hundred millions of silver money in circulation and maintains its parity with gold at a ratio of 15 to 1, while doing business on a gold basis with foreign nations around her. Admitting that, for the present at least, we are driven to transact our commercial affairs on a gold standard, yet our gigantic progress and home development, pushed onward by our seventy millions of people, will absorb a thousand millions of silver currency without undue inflation, disturbance or depreciation."

JUDGE LYNCH'S WORK.

Body of Henry Givens, Colored, Found Hanging to a Tree.

Henderson, Ky., December 16.—Henry Givens, colored, was lynched yesterday to hold an inquest, but had not as yet returned. We understand that the negro had attempted to poison several different persons, both white and black. The negro is said to have had a bad reputation in the community. Coroner Rodgers went down yesterday to hold an inquest, but had not as yet returned. We understand that the negro had attempted to poison several different persons, both white and black. The negro is said to have had a bad reputation in the community. Coroner Rodgers went down yesterday to hold an inquest, but had not as yet returned. We understand that the negro had attempted to poison several different persons, both white and black. The negro is said to have had a bad reputation in the community. Coroner Rodgers went down yesterday to hold an inquest, but had not as yet returned. We understand that the negro had attempted to poison several different persons, both white and black. 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CHRISTMAS EVE.

Patter, patter, 'tis the patter of the raindrop on the roof;
'Tis not the raindrop, 'tis the clatter of the children are all fast asleep and tucked away so snug.
Dreaming of the coming merriment, when one we are a mite.
One will have a candy pistol, one will have a slate.
Every one will have a treasure, each will be rich.
Papa, mama, dear Kris Kringle, a long time have looked out,
And knew when they the presents purchased we were about.
Christmas morning, bright and charming, comes but once a year;
Let us each one then determine to make it last a year.
Be the morning bright or cloudy, be it rain or shine.
Take the blessings as we find them under our roof and vine.
Let us feel nowhere the pleasure which we find at home.
Then we will be happy and never wish to roam.
Let contentment be our watchword ever through this life.
Remembering home and Christmas morning ever since it began.
A happy childhood with memories bright and gay.
Often helps the tired wayfarer on his lonely way;
In looking back we view his childhood's home so bright.
That while he dreams of home and strives for heaven he sees the beacon light.

—Philadelphia Times.

THE LOST GROSCHEN.

It had been snowing all day, intense cold had succeeded the storm, and the stars, shining brightly in the clear sky, looked down on the good old town of Nuremberg in the year 1560. It was a beautiful winter night, and although the curfew hour had passed the lights still glistered through the small diamond shaped window panes in the houses, and the church bells rang out loud and clear.

The people were coming out of their dwellings and walking slowly but cheerfully along the streets, not seeming to mind the cold, could not the deep snow under their feet.

The thoughts of people had passed on and the voices of the bells had become more reverberant, when a little girl about 8 years old appeared in the principal street, which was now silent and deserted. She was alone and looked so small as she walked fearlessly along, taking short steps so as not to slip on the hard glistening snow, and singing in a soft voice, made a little tremulous by the sharp cold, an old Christmas hymn about the angels, Bethlehem and a child asleep in a manger.

Suddenly she stopped, uttered a cry of dismay, and falling on her knees began searching for something in the snow. She was evidently unsuccessful, however, for her sighs changed to tears and her grief increased until it found vent in sobs.

"My money," she cried, "my poor groschen! O dear infant Jesus, bring me back my groschen!"

Like an answer to her prayer there sounded not far off a strange, sweet melody, and she dried her eyes suddenly and looked about, half expecting to see an angel, for she thought the music must have come from heaven, so beautiful it was.

But she soon perceived a figure with out wings, harp or halo, a lad about 15 years old, dressed in a long white robe, a short cloak on his shoulders and a little red cap on his black hair. He carried a musical instrument and touched the strings as he glanced up at a house where a light was gleaming. It was the home of a rich merchant, and a lantern swung from above the doorway, and this light had attracted the young musician. When he had played a few chords on his lute, he sang, and the little girl, remembering the guide of young Tobias who had seemed but a simple traveler, began to think that the singer was indeed an angel. The child did not understand the singer's words, and feeling sure that he was using the language of heaven he threw himself at his feet, clasped her hands and raised her eyes entreatingly to his face.

"Good angel, I pray thee," she cried, "help me to find my groschen! I beg thee in the name of the infant Jesus!"

"What is the trouble, little one? Tell me, and if I can help you I will. There is so much sorrow in the world for every one that I always like to help other people carry theirs." He smiled cheerfully as he spoke, and the child answered:

"I have lost my money—my groschen."

We never have anything nice for supper, but because it my mother to buy a sausages and an apple pie, but I have dropped my groschen in the snow. We have no money and now we have no Christmas supper."

"Who did you drop it?" asked her listener, and when she pointed to the spot he knelt down and began turning over the snow. His back was turned toward the child, when he gave a cry of triumph and held up a coin in his finger.

"Oh, you must be an angel!" cried the little girl joyfully. And he added with a smile:

"A Florentine angel then. My name is Masa Naponi. Remember it and pray for me sometimes little one. Now, goodby. Go buy your supper."

"Not until I have been to the night mass," replied the girl. "My mother is ill, so I must go and pray for her."

"When I will go with you," said Masa, taking her hand. "What is your name?"

"Christine Dacha. My mother is the Widow Gudule."

"Your mother has to work?"

"Yes, she does beautiful embroidery. I do a little of it, but I have not learned to work very well yet. Pretty soon I shall do better, and then mamma can rest. She is often tired and weak, and when she cannot work we have no money."

"I am all alone in the world," said the youth when Christine stopped speaking.

"I have no parents, no money, no home.

My father's creditors took everything except my lire, so I left Florence, and now I earn a little money by singing in the streets, but I often have to sleep in the open air and without supper."

As they entered the church Masa doffed his hat reverently, dipped his fingers into the holy water font and touched them to Christine's. Then the two children knelt down in the shadow of a great pillar which rose to the high arched roof. At the end of the nave stood the altar, glistening with wax lights and flowers. The priest, a slender man with a thin face, and choristers were engaged with the Christmas service, and one could see the glittering white surplices and the glitters of gold and precious stones on copes and stoles.

The whole congregation joined in singing the carols, and the weak, broken voices of the aged, the silvery ones of the children, the sweet tones of the men, the clear high notes of the young men and the strong, deep ones of their elders combined to produce harmonies both powerful and sweet. Masa could not keep silence. Suddenly his voice rose above the rest, and it was so full, so clear and strong, that all could hear him. "It is the organ's rose to the vaulted roof, and it sounds like a silver bell," said the priest.

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OLD CHRISTMAS SONGS.

Familiar but Reverent Treatment of the Sacred—Words of a Simple Folk.

For the most part the old songs speak with the voice of poverty appealing to wealth, and so it is not strange that Christ's humble birth should be dwelt upon. On that ground at least the supplicants seem to feel their nearness to the Man of Sorrows who had nowhere to lay his head. The ever recurring plea to the rich to give alms of their goods—of the one who "came not to be ministered unto, but to minister." The familiarity with which sacred things are touched is not irreverence, but rather the innocent freedom of the child to whom God seems a kind father and Jesus a gentle elder brother.

The holy names are almost always coupled with some adjective expressive of affection—"sweet Jesus," "Mary mild"—and the pretty Cornish carol tells how the Virgin was called Modryb Marya, "our dear Aunt Mary," by the people on the Tamar side. The honest Christian must often feel inclined to avert his face from the asperities, controversies, and even scandals of the world of warning, but in these strains that survive from an ageth past we find only the loving and tender side of religion—the words of a simple folk who were not afraid to creep close to the Father's knee and lay hold upon his robe.

In many of these old songs the good cheer peculiar to the day is dwelt upon, with a frank delight which reminds one of the child's "innocent joy of anything sweet in the mouth." Thus runs one exultant strain:

O merry, merry souls,
O what a comin'!
We shall have flowing bowls,
Dancing, piping, mummag.

The materialistic bard waxed enthusiastic over

The larders full of beef and pork,
The garters full with onions.

and the author of one of the carols winds up with the appetizing burden, "Plum pudding, roast, capon, mince pie and roast beef." Father Christmas was esteemed as "entering like a man" when "armed with spit and dripping-pan." After a year of hard work and hard living the poor folk looked forward to a lavish feast, and it is small wonder that their minds dwelt chiefly upon such dainties as

Delicate mince pie
To feast every virgin
Cape and garter likewise
Brown and a dish of sturgeon.

From Sedding's "Ancient Christmas Carols" is taken "Masters, In This Hall"—one of the quaintest and most pleasing of the lays that were sung by the Yuletide minstrels in the days of old:

To Bethlehem did they go, the shepherds three,
To Bethlehem did they go, to see what's new
saw no.

Whether Christ was born or no,

To Bethlehem did they go,

Masters, in this hall,

Heist ye now today

Brought over sea,

And ever yon pray,

SIR CECIL RHODES.

Why He Has Become South Africa's Greatest Man.

The Most Indomitable and Unscrupulous Man in the Dark Continent stories Told of the Cape Colony's Prime Minister.

The big man in South Africa just now is Sir Cecil Rhodes, prime minister of Cape Colony, who, owing to the Matabele war, has recently been a conspicuous figure before the world. That he is a man of no ordinary parts is evident from the fact that in the Review of Reviews Editor Sted has awarded him the distinction of being the second greatest of living Englishmen. Gladstone and Salisbury alone being greater.

But Sir Cecil's present greatness is not so interesting as the singularity and romance of his career. He is not only the greatest man in Africa, but the richest as well. He is only about forty years old, but his wealth is estimated at thirty million dollars. This may be higher than the real figure, but there is no doubt that he possesses a prodigious fortune in South Africa.

Sir Cecil is the sole author of his own fortunes. Like nearly all of the great men of the British colonies, he is an English born. His father was a poor English clergyman, with the large family that such men proverbially have. Cecil was one of the younger sons, and about the time of the great diamond discoveries at Kimberley, went to South Africa for business. He did not achieve anything brilliant, and he got what is known in this country as a trust. In fact Sir Cecil was one of the first men to form a trust, just as he was one of the first to reap the greatest profit from this form of modern aggrandizement.

The Kimberley mines, which are now producing all the diamonds of commerce except those taken from two small mines in the Orange Free State, were controlled by rival companies, the De Beers syndicate and the Kimberley syndicate. The latter, being very sharp, forced the price of diamonds down to a comparatively small figure. Mr. Rhodes, for he was not a baronet then, induced these companies to join in a syndicate,



FRANK D. JACKSON.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

CHARLES T. O'FERRALL.

TIRED OF HER PRINCE.

Mrs. John W. Mackay's Daughter Seeks a Separation.

Why an American Girl Wants to Get Rid of the Italian Nobleman Her Intelligent Stepfather Bought for Her Some Time Ago.

News comes from Paris that Princess Colonna has begun legal proceedings for a separation from her husband, Prince Ferdinand Galliari Colonna, with the custody of her three children.

Princess Colonna is the daughter of Mrs. John W. Mackay, by her former husband, Bryant. At the request of Prince Colonna, it is said that her daughter was only a stepdaughter to Mr. Mackay and would therefore have no wedding allowance. As a matter of fact she did not possess a dollar in her own name. The prince declared that he cared nothing for that, and his uncle, Prince Stigliano, is said to have written a letter to Mrs. Mackay stating that it was a love match and that money was of no consequence.

Mrs. Mackay, it is said, acquiesced, and in 1884 they were married. The wedding was one of the social events of Paris. Mr. De Bono, the papal nuncio to France, officiated at the ceremony.

There was no settlement before the wedding, but afterwards Mrs. Mackay allowed her daughter an income, her daughter many valuable presents, including diamonds, coaches and furniture.

Princess Colonna and her wife visited Naples and other Italian cities during their wedding trip, and finally settled

THE LAST UNICORN.

Extinction of the White Rhinoceros Largest of Quadrupeds Still in Existence.

A wondrous brute, which only within the present century emerged from the realm of myth into that of scientific knowledge, has within the present year passed into the realm of history. Reports from South Africa declare that the last white rhinoceros has been killed and that its skeleton, hide and horn are now being shipped to England to enrich a natural history museum.

With the exception of the horned antelope, excepting the elephant, becoming extinct, along with the beautiful quanga, the dodo, the great auk and other noteworthy members of the animal kingdom which have vanished from the world before the rapidity of man.

For ages the only known habitat of the unicorn was on a coat-of-arms and he was discredited as a reality until an actual one-horned rhinoceros was found in India and Sumatra, when folk began to revise their syllabus of repudiated

legends. Still the Asiatic rhinoceros was a poor sort of creature for such heroic fame, and it was not until the opening of the present century that the unicorn was fully identified with the uncouth pachyderm. At that time Burchell discovered, in the region of South Africa, between the Orange and Zambezi rivers, the stupendous creature known as rhinoceroses, or, in common parlance, the white or one-horned rhinoceros, known. Indeed, it was neither white nor strictly speaking, one-horned.

Its color is a dirty gray, almost verging on the mouse color. And it had two horns, though one was so small as to be scarcely perceptible, a mere bump with a tuft of stout bristles three or four inches high. The other real horn was about three or four feet long, slightly tapers, and ends with a broad flat tip, and tapers gracefully to a hard sharp point. This might have been a formidable weapon in a battle, though the rhinoceros usually dealt with its foes by trampling them underfoot, and with the horn as a rod of guidance for its young.

The full-grown white rhinoceros was nearly seven feet high at the shoulder, and from fourteen to sixteen feet long, and its bulk surpassed every other modern quadruped except the elephant, which it almost rivaled.

AUSTRIA'S NEW PREMIER.

The Young and Talented Prince Alfred de Windischgratz.

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His dress seems to be coming true, for the English, under his leadership, are pushing northward, and it is believed that the Germans will abandon their possessions in South Africa. The Portuguese can be driven out. Then the English will fly from the Southern ocean up to the limits marked by Sir Cecil. There is no land beyond that line and below the Sahara for which a white man need care.

In appearance Sir Cecil is a typical Englishman in every respect but one. His dress is important. He has no taste whatever.

Sir Cecil neither writes, speaks nor converses well. His eminence has been gained without any of these gifts. He thinks and acts.

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which took the name De Beers, after the leading company.

Sir Cecil did not do all this for any small reward. He received a great block of stock which formed the nucleus of his present immense fortune. Then he decided to be a gentleman, as one understands the term in Great Britain, and went back to England to live. In the house rule movement, and gave Mr. Purcell \$10,000 to be used in its behalf. But he quickly grew tired of idleness and returned to South Africa. He went into politics there and was elected to the Cape parliament, becoming soon afterwards the premier of that colony. Ever since he has been at the head of affairs at the Cape and throughout South Africa.

Sir Cecil is emphatically a strong man. In South Africa they look upon him as their Bismarck. He is full of ambition, and of schemes, of which he makes no secret. He is the core, and is a thorough imperialist. He dreams of a consolidated British empire, embracing the choicest portions of the globe. In this empire he wants South Africa to take a leading part. One of his recent projects is a telegraph line from Cairo to Cape Town, by the way of Zanzibar and the great lakes, and, already, by the time of the war in Rhodesia, he is pushing

his plan that the English shall possess every inch of the soil in the southern half of the continent fit for the habitation of white men. Ten years ago, at Kimberley, he stood before a map of Africa. He placed his hand across the interior up to the mouth of the Congo and the great lakes and said:

"All that shall be English. That is my dream."

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PRINCESS COLONNA.

In Naples, the prince had little money of his own, and six months after the marriage he began demanding money from his wife. Then she learned that her husband was a gambler and that he led a fast life generally. Nearly all of her large income slipped through the prince's fingers. Mr. and Mrs. Mackay learned after a time more of the prince's real character, and exerted influences to reform him. Instead of getting down, however, he got up to a point of gambling and spending, and insisted that his wife should turn over her entire income. His gambling debts accumulated, and in order to prevent a scandal, it is said, Mr. Mealey settled gambling debts to the amount of \$100,000.

Three children were born to the unhappy couple. Their names and ages now are: Andrew, eight; Blanca, six, and Marco, six.

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What He Was Waiting For.

One of the best of "up-places" stories is related of a singer who was exceedingly self-conscious—not to say intolerably conceited—who, at a concert at which she was to vocalize, handed to the German gentleman who was accompanying her at the piano forte a copy of her song marked in several places: "Wait for the applause." At the end of one of the songs, however, the audience burst into a roar of applause. The "chein" varies in thickness from 1 to 7 inches, and is said to be of the consistency of common bar soap. Goochologists who have visited the locality of the "chein" find that it is a fine layer of animal wax, but the "chein" will decline to melt if it is a bog of butter. "I am waiting for a good audience," replied the pianist, "and he goes yet."

Nickel and Silver.

According to Hardware some authorities say that the price of nickel and silver will eventually cross each other. They argue that nickel metal is scarce and not easily produced, and that silver is used more as a symbol of wealth its value in that respect will gradually depreciate. In such case there is a long road, because silver has in it the tradition of ages, and the poorer classes of the world would be actuated in its use as the rich have been, and for a long time the downward course would be staid by this sentiment alone.

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Christmas - Handkerchiefs
Towels, Table Linens, etc.

The Biggest Sale on DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, BOOTS, SHOES and HATS Ever Seen Before in Marion.



You can get Clothing and Overcoats one-third off price.

Our Ladies Cloaks are lower than any where.

You can get the Best Calico at 5 cents per yard.

The FINEST DRESS GOODS at one half price.

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TOLU.

On the Ohio, set snugly back perhaps a quarter of a mile from the river's bank, is our neighboring little town of Tolu. To the east west and south lie the fertile valleys of the Ohio beyond which, but still visible to the inhabitants of the picturesque little city, rise huge trees of oak, poplar and ash which border Hurricane creek and the lofty hills which lie farther on. In the middle of the river's bed to the north is Hurricane Islands, below which, hidden from view and on the opposite side of the river, is Elizabethtown, Illinois. The rugged, frowning cliffs of Cave-in-Rock loom up in the distance several miles above.

Thus pleasantly situated in the town of Tolu, into which a Press reporter quietly took his way. As the newspaper man entered he noticed that everybody and everything seemed peaceful, in contemplating perhaps, of the coming Christmas holidays. Although everything appeared so quiet and peaceful the natives of the town seemed active, and industriously engaged in their various occupations. Indeed everything looked like business. We had not been in town long until we had ascertained several facts.

Moore & Beard are dealers in general merchandise. They also sell drugs and medicines and all other articles kept by druggists. The firm is composed of R. A. Moore and Will J. Beard and their customers can get anything they may want, from a fine suit of clothes to a small box of liver pills.

Weldon & Weldon deal in dry goods, groceries and general merchandise. The senior member of the firm, Mr. L. A. Weldon, is the oldest merchant in town, and no one can measure a yard of cloth in less time or with greater pleasure than he. The other member of the firm is John Weldon, and he is polite, obliging and business-like.

J. W. Guess has a large and complete stock of hardware, cutlery, &c and judging from appearances, is doing a good business.

T. A. McAmis is the worthy postmaster. He still holds his position under Democratic Uncle Sam and deals out stamps at the same old price.

E. E. Weldon has a nice stock of fancy groceries, which he takes great pleasure in showing to his customers, especially to the young ladies, to whose interest, it seems to the proprietor, Ed had an eye single.

S. B. Weldon is a retired merchant of the town and is very popular. Mr. Weldon abhors the bottle and detests the demijohn. He is always "dry" and sees that his neighbors keep in the same condition.

Susan L. Barnard has a neat stock of dry goods, fancy notions, etc. Everything in the store was tastefully arranged, and showed that the proprietor understood how to please her customers.

H. Young, drayman, express and mail carrier, is always found at his post of duty.

Y. B. McGrew is wharfman and receives and ships goods.

R. W. C. Franks, M. Ledbetter and John Kanapple are the blacksmiths and the sound of the hammer and anvil indicates the fact that they do a good business.

L. J. Millikan is the village person and, like Goldsmith's ideal preacher, "even though vanquished he doth argue still."

J. L. Love, T. A. Minner and W. T. Minner run a saw mill and do a large business in the lumber business.

R. H. Yater, J. L. Love and T. A. Minner have a grist and saw mill and the busy hum of the machinery convinced the reporter that the wheels were not idle.

T. S. Craft, whose broad acres of bottom land lying near and in almost all directions from the town, make him the largest land owner and the

SUNDAY SCHOOL COLUMN.

Edited by REV J. F. PRICE.

Four Christmas trees in Marion next Monday evening.

No doubt Sunday school children think Christmas is the best time of the year.

Let us work to keep the children whom we receive during the holiday season, in our Sunday schools all the year.

One great work of the Sunday schools is saving the children. Piney creek church had an excellent Sunday school last year, and twenty of the scholars were converted in their protracted meeting.

We hope the Sunday schools will keep in mind the leading idea of Christmas—celebrating the birth of our Savior in joy and thankfulness, making the hearts of the sad happy and bestowing kind favors upon the poor.

BIBLE LESSON NO. 2.

MORNING BY MORNING.

Sunday, Garden of Eden—Gen. 2:1-17.

Monday, Settlement of Cain—Gen. 4:1-18.

Tuesday, Japheth's Descendants—Gen. 10:1-5.

Wednesday, Ham's Descendants—Gen. 10:6-20.

Thursday, Shem's Descendants—Gen. 10:21-32.

Friday, Confusion of Babel—Gen. 11:1-9, 27-32.

Saturday, Abraham's Journeys—Gen. 12:1-13.

It is impossible for us to take up these one by one and study them. The names of the Hamitic races are given with more particularity than those of the Japhetic, because they became prominent in that early history, and because the Hebrews were brought into immediate contact with them either as friends or foes.

Four principal races of Hamites are mentioned, and some of these dividing into detail.

a Cush, Ethiopia. There were settlements of Cushites, extending through Arabia from African Ethiopia to Babylon. From Cushites tribes the earliest great Oriental empires sprang.

b Mizraim, Egypt.

c Phut, Libya.

d Canaan, the ancient land of Palestine, and Lower Syria, from Gaza to Hamath.

3. The descendants of Shem.

These are last mentioned because the historian is proceeding to show out of the families of Shem came that great Father of the Faithful, that family of Abraham, which should be the great theme of all succeeding Old Testament history, and in which all families of the earth should be blessed.

From Shem came five races: 1,

Eliam, Persia; 2, Asshur, Assyria;

3, Arphaxad, Chaldeas; 4, Lud, Lydia

or the Lydians; 5, Aram, Syria; not our Syria, but Mesopotamia and a large country including the Syria of Damascus.

I. THE WORLD BEFORE THE FLOOD.

We have the description of the Garden of Eden, Gen. 2:8, etc., the mention of Assyria, and of the Land of Nod, into which Cain fled, Gen. 4:16; and of the city of Dmoch, built by Cain, Gen. 4:17. The utmost research has failed so far to identify any of these except Assyria and two of the four rivers of Eden, the Euphrates, and the hiddelok, which is the Hebrew name for the Tigris, Dan. 10:4; the two unknown rivers being the Pison, which compassed the land of Havilah, and the Gihon, which compassed the land of Cush, (not Ethiopia the Cush of later history) "the land of Cush" here refers to a region in Asia which can not now be identified, and which was settled by Cush or some of his descendants—Gen. 10:7.

II. EMPIRES ESTABLISHED AFTER THE FLOOD.

Read Genesis viii to xi.

1. The ark rested on "the mountain of Ararat." Gen. 8:4. The present name of the country here called Ararat is Armenia. This country lies nor h of Mesopotamia and Assyria and is made up of high table lands and groups of mountains between the Caspian and the Black Sea and is the source of the four rivers Araxes, Tigris, Euphrates and Acmensis.

Note.—Verify all these places on the map.

2. The tenth chapter of Genesis, dry as it may appear, is one of the most remarkable in the entire Bible.

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